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(54) Title: METHOD OF PREPARATION OF HETEROCYCLIC MOLECULES WITH PHARMACEUTICAL PHARMACEU-
TICAL EXCIPIENT COSMECEUTICAL AGROCHEMICAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES

(57) Abstract: Processes for preparing racemic and optically pure 3,6-dihydro-2H-pyrans of formulae H, I, N and O are described. These compounds may be further transformed into compounds of formulae J, K, L, M, P, Q, S, T, U, V, Y and Z with potential pharmaceutical, pharmaceutical excipient, cosmeceutical, agrochemical and industrial applications.

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A	US 4,151,205 A (COHEN et al) 24 April 1979 (24.04.1979)	1-33

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1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-33, drawn to methods and compounds involving a ring-closing metathesis reaction.

Group II, claims 34-54, drawn to processes of making 3,4-dihydroxytetrahydropyrans and compounds made by the process.

Group III, claim(s) 55-60, drawn to process for making bridged bicyclic lactones and compounds made by the process.

Group IV, claim(s) 61-66, drawn to a process for ring opening said lactone and the compounds made thereby.

Group V, claim(s) 67-73, drawn to a process of making 2,3-dihydro 6H pyran-2-methanols by reduction and compounds made thereby.

Group VI, claim(s) 74, drawn to certain 3-alkoxy or 3-acyloxy 2,3-dihydro 6H-pyran-2-methanols.

Group VII, claim(s) 75-80, drawn to a process of making epoxytetrahydropyrans and compounds made by it.

Group VIII, claim(s) 81-89, drawn to a process of reacting said epoxides with a nucleophile.

Group IX, claim(s) 90-99, drawn to the compounds made by the above process.

Group X, claim(s) 100-123, drawn to a process for making fused dioxanopyrans and the products produced thereby.

Group XI, claim(s) 124-130, drawn to a process of making 2-alkenyloxy-3-oxyalkenols and compounds produced thereby.

Group XII, claim(s) 131-137 drawn to a method of making alkenyloxy-1,3-dioxanes using the above as a reactant and product produced thereby.

Group XIII, claim(s) 138-149, drawn to a process for making dioxanodihydropyrans by ring closing metathesis.

Group XIV, claim(s) 150-173, drawn to an enzymatic resolution process involving epoxytetrahydropyrans which contain a hydroxy group.

The inventions listed as Groups I-XIV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: An indicator is the many provisos in the generic claims drawn to compounds which exclude specific compounds. See claims 39, 54, 60, 66, 72 and 74 e.g. This indicates that old compounds are being excluded. The claims drawn to methods of producing intermediates leading up to these compounds and the compounds produced then cannot be said to contain the special technical feature which produces patentability. Further note the many enzymatic resolution processes which are quite different from the other claimed procedures and which may be said to involve a different technical feature..